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OFFICER PERSONNEL

MEDICAL CORPS SELECTIONS.

The President, under date of 27 July 1933, approved the report of the Medical Corps Selection Board for promotion to the rank of rear admiral of the following:

Captain Middleton S. Elliott (M.C.)
" James C. Pryor, (MC)

PROMOTION OF LIEUTENANTS, SUPPLY CORPS, TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS..

The junior lieutenant commander in the line is now signal no. 1772. The first signal number to carry along Supply Corps running mates is 1796. It is expected that this number will be made in January or February 1934, at which time Supply Corps signal Nos. 7991, Mattox, and 7992, Rupert, will be eligible.

Line No. 1801, it is expected, will reach lieutenant commander rank in March 1934, carrying along with it Supply Corps signal Nos. 7993, Robeson, to 7996, Schwab.

Line signal No. 1803, it is expected, will reach lieutenant commander rank in April 1934, making eligible Supply Corps signal Nos. 7997, Gering, to 8030, Chapman.

Line signal Nos. 1819, 1822 and 1826 are expected to reach lieutenant commander rank June 30, 1934. This will make eligible for lieutenant commander rank 50 officers of the Supply Corps, from signal No. 8031, Elliott, to signal No. 8080, Ney.

The above is an estimate only and is subject to change through any increase or decrease in the line promotions expected.

It is probable that examinations for all concerned will be held before one Examining Board during the month of April 1934. This includes those officers due in June.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

COMMENDATIONS.

The following-named men received letters of commendation from the Secretary of the Navy:

Edward John Boomhower, F. 2c, U.S.N., for "gallant action and devotion to duty, in returning to your station in spite of severe injuries, to aid the other members of the boat crew in extinguishing the motor launch flames."

Alvin Henry Leverenz, S. 2c, U.S.N., for "prompt and courageous action when a shipmate returning with the liberty party struck his head in falling from the gangway. You jumped to his assistance which undoubtedly saved his life."

Paul Bereznak, S. 2c, U.S.N., for "prompt action in jumping in the water and struggling with a hysterical boy who was thrown from a bicycle. You handled the situation in a cool and calm manner and undoubtedly saved the boy's life."

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR
NAVAL ACADEMY PREPARATORY CLASS.

Preliminary examination of candidates for Naval Academy Preparatory Class will be conducted on 31 August 1933. Questions for the above examination were mailed on July 21. The distribution of questions to ships and stations is given below:

Battleships and Aircraft Carriers.....	10 sets
Cruisers, Tenders, and larger auxiliaries.....	5 "
Destroyers.....	3 "
Submarines.....	1 set
Smaller auxiliaries, such as eagle boats, ocean tugs, and mine sweepers.....	1 "

The distribution for shore stations is as follows:

Commandants of Naval Districts.....	10 sets
Hampton Roads and San Diego Naval Training Stations	10 "
Naval Hospitals, Naval Air Stations, Ship Yards....	3 "
District Directors of Communication.....	3 "

In addition to questions listed above, one set has been sent to Flag Officers of Battleship Divisions, Destroyer Squadrons, Destroyer Divisions, and Cruiser Divisions.

The Bureau realizes that the above distribution will not be satisfactory in many cases. However, ships or stations which do not have sufficient copies of questions should first attempt to obtain additional copies from other ships or activities before requesting additional copies from the Bureau. About 200 sets of questions are being held at the stockroom for filling additional orders, and will be issued upon request.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL PROMOTIONS.

The Bureau expects to resume enlisted personnel promotions early in the next quarter in the following rating groups:

Boatswain's Mate	Radioman	Yeoman
Gunner's Mate	Shipfitter	Storekeeper
Torpedoman	Machinist's Mate	Avia. Machinist's Mate
Turret Captain	Water Tender	Aviation Metalsmith
Signalman	Boilermaker	Aerographer
Fire Controlman	Fireman 1st & 2nd	Photographer
Electrician's Mate	Seaman 1st	Aviation Ordnanceman

It will not be possible to make advancements to each individual rating in the above-listed groups in view of excesses that exist in certain ones.

It is also expected that a few advancements to chief petty officer, both acting and permanent appointment, will be resumed at the same time.

TRAINING

TRAINING COURSES COMPLETED.

During the quarter ended 30 June 1933, the following number of training courses was completed:

Seamanship Branch.....	523
Artificer Branch.....	648
Artificer Branch E. R. Force.....	185
Special Branch.....	140
Commissary Branch.....	36
Messman Branch.....	114
Aviation Branch.....	104
General Courses.....	<u>19</u>
Total.....	1769

MISCELLANEOUS

INSURANCE AND BONDING FOR SHIP'S SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

In addition to the insurance policy mentioned in Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter No. 58-32, the office of the Judge Advocate General has placed on file a key or master policy issued by the Colonial Fire Underwriters of the National Fire Insurance Company, 95 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

SHIPS' LIBRARIES.

One sentence of Section E-6501, Bureau of Navigation Manual, which covers survey of books, reads, "It is not considered necessary to replace surveyed books with the same titles". Frequently, newer publications have replaced surveyed titles. Bullard's "Naval Electrician's Textbook" was for many years the standard Navy textbook on this subject, but is now out of print, and has been replaced as a textbook at the Naval Academy by Dawes' "Course in Electrical Engineering". If a copy of Bullard's "Naval Electrician's Textbook" is surveyed, it is not desirable to requisition a new copy of this title, but instead Dawes' "Course in Electrical Engineering" should be requisitioned.

When a new ship is placed in commission, careful consideration is given to a balanced collection which represents all subjects needed in a ship's library. In general, this same proportion among different classes should always remain. When titles become worn and require surveying, it is not necessary to replace the specific title, but to replace it with a book on the same subject. When books on international relations are surveyed, the same subject should be replaced, and the same is true for all technical material.

There may be exceptions to the above rule, when due to current interest a large number of titles have accumulated on a single subject, as for example the World War. In such cases, a different subject may be requested and the reason stated on the requisition.

Particular care should be taken this year in making requisitions to replace surveyed material, with the very limited funds available for the purchase of books because of the reduction in the appropriation.

SUPPLY CORPS SELECTION BOARD.

The following board has been appointed to recommend not more than 1 officer for promotion to rank of rear admiral, Supply Corps:

Board meets on or about 18 September, 1933.

Membership follows:

President Rear Admiral Thomas J. Cowie, (SC), U.S.N., Retired.

Members Rear Admiral Charles Morris, (SC), U.S.N., Retired
" " Joseph J. Cheatham, (SC), U.S.N.

Recorder Lieutenant Commander Robert W. Clark, (SC), U.S.N.